

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Wednesday, March 23, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Angerer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Lemmons, III.

Representative Gosselin moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2005 meeting.

Representative Hoogendyk supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 69 before the committee.

**SB 69      Birkholz**            Education; discipline; referral to the strict discipline academy; expand to include pupils suspended or expelled.

Amanda Price, representing Senator Birkholz's office, testified in support of SB 69. Questions and discussion followed.

Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association and the Allegan County Intermediate School District, testified in support of SB 69.

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, testified in support of SB 69.

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card in support of SB 69, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Pearce moved to adopt the following amendments to SB 69:

1. Amend page 2, line 13, after “the” by striking out “family independence agency” and inserting “**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**”.

2. Amend page 3, line 17, by striking out “family independence agency” and inserting “**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**”.

3. Amend page 3, line 18, after “the” by striking out “family independence agency” and inserting “**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**”.

Representative Kehrl supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-0-0.

**FAVOABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representative Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Virgil Smith moved to adopt the following amendment to SB 69:

1. Amend page 2, line 21, after “guardian.” by inserting “**HOWEVER, A SUSPENDED PUPIL SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE STRICT DISCIPLINE ACADEMY ONLY FOR THE DURATION OF THE SUSPENSION.**”.

Representative Angerer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

**FAVOABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representative Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Virgil Smith moved to report SB 69 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

**FAVOABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representative Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen,

Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**SB 69 reported out as an (H-1) with recommendation.**

Representative Meyer moved to report HB 4412 with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the committee on Employment Relations, Training, and Safety committee.

Representative Hildenbrand supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-2.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representative Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Hopgood and Miller.

**HB 4412 reported with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the committee on Employment Relations, Training, and Safety.**

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:35 a.m.

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Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
March 23, 2005  
1 hour 35 minutes